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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Ruth C. Rodriguez	3677	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Ruth C. Rodriguez, PTO. (3) _____
 (2) James W. Babineau, Applicant's representative. (4) _____

Date of Interview: 25 April 2006.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
 c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 24 and 40.

Identification of prior art discussed: Hagashinaka.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

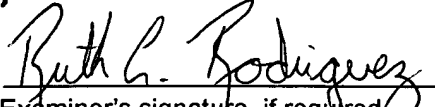
Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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ROBERT J. SANDY
 PRIMARY EXAMINER

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 Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Regarding claim 24, the Examiner explained that the limitation of the process of how the hook is obtained is considered a product by process claim that does not have any patentable weight and that the term about is considered a very broad term for the range being claimed that is close to a range obtained from the prior art. Mr. Babineau agreed to consider amending the claims to provide details that will preclude the hooks being formed by applying heat to the top of the hook filaments and to eliminate the word about from the claim in order to distinguish over the prior art. Mr. Babineau explained that ranges specified in the claims should be obtained by values that are within a single embodiment instead of combining values of different embodiments. The Examiner indicated that the term "excluding the hook filaments" is the term that is creating a confusion for this claim because the fabric base can have a value greater than the one specified in the prior art and the claim can be met when the filament that makes the hook is excluded from the thickness value..